AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please **CANCEL** claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **ADD** claims 14-34 as follows.

A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

Claims 1-13 (cancel)

14. (New) A prosthetic knee joint, comprising:

an upper part having a fastening device adapted for a receptacle for a leg stump;

a lower part pivotably connected to the upper part via an articulation device; and

a resistance device having adjustable resistance and configured to act as a lock which, via a mechanical control device and as a function of an angle, blocks a flexion of the articulation device in a flexed position within a definable angle range,

wherein the lower part is freely pivotable in the flexion direction outside the definable angle range without action of the resistance device.

15. (New) A prosthetic knee joint comprising:

an upper part having a fastening device adapted for a receptacle for a leg stump;

a lower part pivotably connected to the upper part via an articulation device;

a catch device configured to lock the prosthetic knee joint in an extended position, the catch device being configured to be locked and unlocked by an operating device; and

a resistance device with adjustable resistance, the resistance device providing resistance to flexion of the articulation device as a function of an angle within an angle range definable via a mechanical control device,

wherein the lower part is freely pivotable in the flexion direction outside the definable angle range without action of the resistance device.

16. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 14, wherein the lower part is freely extended.

17. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 14, wherein the resistance device is configured to increase the resistance to the flexion to a locking action, and the resistance device is configured such that it can be switched.

18. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 14, wherein at least one of the resistance device and a catch device is coupled to an operating device via which the resistance is increased or decreased or the locking is released or locked.

19. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 18, wherein the operating device is driven by hand or by motor.

20. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 19, wherein the operating device is a remote control device.

21. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 14, wherein the resistance device is connected to a mechanical control device which has at least one cam disk and switches the resistance device as a function of the angle of flexion of the upper part relative to the lower part.

22. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 14, wherein the resistance device is a hydraulic or pneumatic unit, a friction coupling or an electromagnetic coupling, or a magnetorheological or piezoelectric device.

23. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 22, wherein the hydraulic or pneumatic unit has a controllable valve system which is arranged inside a piston guided in a cylinder.

24. (New) A prosthetic knee joint, comprising:

an upper part having a fastening device for a receptacle for a leg stump;

a lower part pivotably connected to the upper part via an articulation device;

a catch device configured to lock the prosthetic knee joint in an extended position, the catch device being configured to be locked and unlocked by an operating device, the operating device being operated by remote control.

25. (New) A prosthetic knee joint, comprising:

an upper part which has a fastening device for a receptacle for a leg stump;

a lower part pivotably connected to the upper part via an articulation device;

a catch device configured to lock the prosthetic knee joint in the extended position, the catch device being locked and unlocked by an operating device; and

a delay element associated with the catch device which unlocks or re-locks the catch device after a time delay after activation of the unlocking.

26. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 25, wherein the delay element is a relay, an elastic and/or rheological element or an electronic circuit with actuator.

27. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 15, wherein the lower part is freely extended.

28. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 15, wherein the resistance device is configured to increase the resistance to the flexion to a locking action, and the resistance device is configured such that it can be switched.

29. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the resistance device and the catch device is coupled to an operating device via which the resistance is increased or decreased or the locking is released or locked.

30. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 29, wherein the operating device is driven by hand or by motor.

31. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 30, wherein the operating device is a remote control device.

32. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 15, wherein the resistance device is connected to a mechanical control device which has at least one cam disk and switches the resistance device as a function of the angle of flexion of the upper part relative to the lower part.

33. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 15, wherein the resistance device is a hydraulic or pneumatic unit, a friction coupling or an electromagnetic coupling, or a magnetorheological or piezoelectric device.

34. (New) The prosthetic knee joint as claimed in claim 33, wherein the hydraulic or pneumatic unit has a controllable valve system which is arranged inside a piston guided in a cylinder.